OPINION 1697

Chelifer museorum Leach, 1817 (currently *Cheiridium museorum*; Arachnida, Pseudoscorpionida): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *nepoides* Hermann, 1804, as published in the binomen *Chelifer nepoides*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Cheiridium* Menge, 1855 (gender: neuter), type species by subsequent designation by Simon (1879) *Chelifer museorum* Leach, 1817, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *museorum* Leach, 1817, as published in the binomen *Chelifer museorum* (specific name of the type species of *Cheiridium* Menge, 1855), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *nepoides* Hermann, 1804, as published in the binomen *Chelifer nepoides* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2791

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Chelifer museorum* Leach, 1817 was received from Dr Mark S. Harvey (*Western Australian Museum, Perth, Australia*) on 1 October 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **48**: 103–104 (June 1991). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

It was noted on the voting paper that the syntype of *Chelifer museorum* Leach, 1817 in the Natural History Museum, London is no. 138 (Leach collection).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1992 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **48**: 103–104. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1992 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Macpherson and Thompson.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

Kabata commented that he voted for the proposal because of the absence of the original specimens on which Hermann (1804) based his decription of *Chelifer nepoides* (para. 1 of the application); otherwise he did not believe that a return to the earlier name would result in undue confusion.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Cheiridium Menge, 1855, *Neueste Schriften der Naturforschenden Gesellschaft*, **5**(2): 36.

museorum, *Chelifer*, Leach, 1817, *The zoological miscellany; being descriptions of new or interesting animals*, vol. 3, p. 50.
nepoides, *Chelifer*, Hermann, 1804, *Mémoire Aptérologique*, p. 116.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Chelifer museorum* Leach, 1817 as the type species of the nominal genus *Cheiridium* Menge, 1855:

Simon, E. 1879. *Les arachnides de France*, vol. 7 (Les ordres des chernetes, scorpiones et opiliones), p. 43.